

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Office of the District Mining Supervisor
2040 Administration Building
1745 West 1700 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

IN REPLY REFER TO:

U-0145657

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July 1, 1982

Mr. Rex Rowley Kanab Resource Area Manager P. O. Box 459 320 North First East Kanab, Utah 84741

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Enclosed for review by your staff is a proposal submitted by Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company to drill two exploratory holes on their Federal coal permit U-0145657 in Kane County, Utah.

By way of an Interior Board of Land Appeals decision (IBLA 80-267) dated June 26, 1981, Hiko Bell must be afforded a reasonable period of time to provide the necessary evidence to support initial showing requirements in its preference right lease application for U-0145657.

I realize the plan lacks a lot of detail but an initial showing is on file in this office and contains much of the information that is normally found in an exploration plan. Also, we propose to provide for the lack of detail in the plan by adding necessary stipulations to the approval. A representative of this office will be contacting your office early next week to discuss the matter and to set up an onsite inspection of the proposed sites.

Sincerely yours,

Jackson W. Moffitt District Mining Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Denver, w/o enclosures

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

## HIKO BELL MINING & OIL COMPANY

POST OFFICE BOX DRAWER AB \* VERNAL, UTAH 84078 \* TELEPHONE 789-3233 AREA CODE (801)

March 31, 1982

Chief, Minerals Section U..S. Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Utah State Office 136 E. South Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84111



Re: 3400 U-0145657 (U-942)

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your letter dated November 18, 1981, "Evidence Required", Hiko Bell Mining & Oil Company hereby submits an application for a coal exploration program. Under 43 CFR 3430.2-1 we are notifying your office that we intend to drill 2 test holes on the above coal prospecting permit. Anticipated starting date is May 15, 1982.

Core hole locations are shown on the attached map with the elevations, locations, and total depths of each hole. At this time it is not anticipated that any roads will need to be built, other than grading the sand dunes.

Please notify us of any special requirements pertaining to this drilling program. Please let us know as soon as possible of your acknowledgement of this program so that we can move ahead as soon as possible. An application for initial showing requirements is attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Covington Sec. Treas.

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## APPLICATION FOR INITIAL SHOWING REQUIREMENTS

U-0145657 KANE COUNTY, UTAH

April 1, 1982

Hiko Bell Mining & Oil Company intends to drill from 2 to 4 test holes in Section 28, T42S, R3E, Kane County, Utah. These locations together with the proposed depths, and surface elevations are shown on the attached map, Exhibit No. 1.

It is proposed to use air in the drilling of these holes as a circulating medium.

It will be necessary to grade a road through the sand dunes in order to reach these locations. After drilling, these roads will be re-seeded and made to conform to BLM standards.

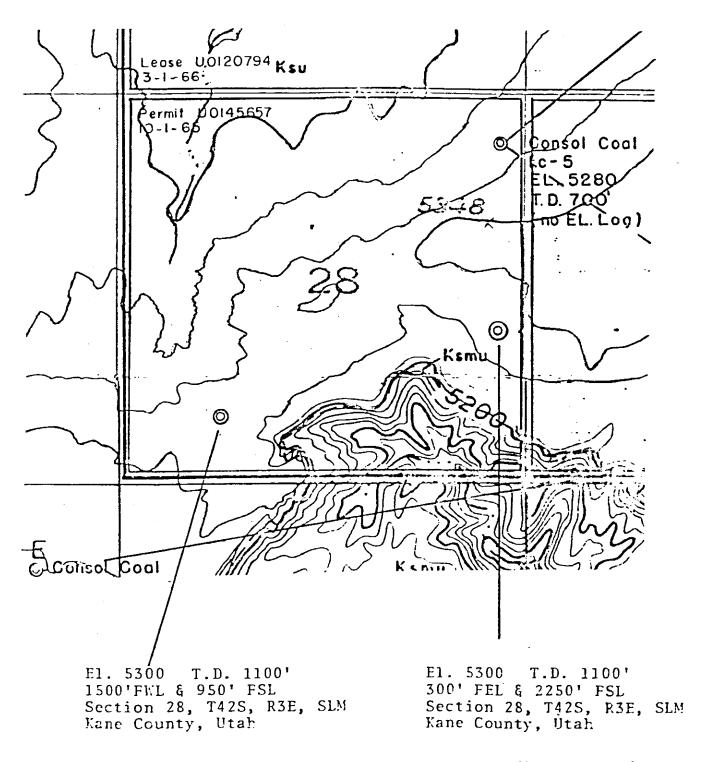
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## PROPOSED CORE HOLE LOCATION



Vernal, Utah March 31, 1982